

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2004 – 1000 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 1,875 new fires reported for the week. Twenty-three new large fires were reported, 11 in the Eastern Area and 12 in the Southern Area. Twenty large fires were contained, 11 in the Southern Area and nine in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Massachusetts and New Mexico.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

EAST FORK, National Forests in Florida. This fire is in timber and southern rough, 12 miles northeast of Crawfordville, FL. Interior fire activity was reported. Personnel are patrolling and mopping up.

JUTTS CREEK, National Forests in North Carolina. This fire is hardwood litter and bug kill pine, 12 miles southeast of Robbinsville, NC. Moderate fire behavior with torching and crowning in unburned islands of fuel was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EAST FORK	FL	FNF	26,279	95	4/26	65	1	6	2	0	2.3M
JUTT CREEK	NC	NCF	270	60	UNK	65	3	0	0	0	25K
BUZZARD KNOB	NC	NCF	375	100	---	43	2	2	0	0	51K
GREASE GUN	OK	OKS	800	100	---	7	0	2	0	0	NR
JACKFORK	OK	OKS	680	100	---	6	0	1	0	0	NR
GREENBAY	AL	ALS	563	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BUFFALO GAP	VA	VAS	500	100	---	40	1	2	1	0	NR
WARRIOR CREEK	AR	ARS	322	100	---	18	0	0	0	1	NR
RD 56 COMMAND	FL	FLS	270	100	---	16	0	3	0	0	NR
COMPTON	AR	ARS	223	100	---	5	0	0	0	0	NR
LION HILL	AR	ARS	200	100	---	26	0	0	0	0	NR
FLINT ROCK	OK	OKS	120	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
SECTION RD	MS	MSS	100	100	---	11	0	2	0	0	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry
VAS = Virginia Department of Forestry
FLS = Florida Division of Forestry

ALS = Alabama Forestry Commission
ARS = Arkansas Forestry Commission
MSS = Mississippi Forestry Commission

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CRYSTAL LAKE, Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection. This fire is in brush, hardwood slash and scrub oak, five miles south of Wilkes-Barre, PA. Active, wind driven fire behavior with rapid rates of spread and spotting was observed.

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CRYSTAL LAKE	PA	PAS	1,377	80	UNK	52	0	13	0	0	NR
RITTER HOLLOW	MO	MTF	126	98	UNK	3	0	0	0	3	12K
LOUISBURGRADE	MN	MNS	7,330	100	---	83	1	23	2	1	135K
CICERO CREEK	MO	MOS	1,320	100	---	22	0	3	0	1	NR
EAGAN	MN	MNS	1,000	100	---	40	2	3	0	0	NR
PATTERSON MTN	MO	MTF	239	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	10K
HUFFERED	MO	MOS	283	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BLAINE AIRPORT	MN	MNS	250	100	---	92	0	33	0	0	5K
GRAVER	MO	MTF	203	100	---	6	0	0	0	0	10K
KAWKAWLIN CREEK	MI	MIS	186	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
CANOE CAMP	MI	MIS	150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

MNS = Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
 MTF = Mark Twain National Forest

MOS = Missouri Department of Conservation
 MIS = Michigan Department of Natural Resources

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Low pressure situated over the front range of the Rocky Mountains will eject into the Great Lakes over the weekend. This low pressure system will eventually drag a frontal system to the East Coast early next week. West of the Rockies, temperatures will warm up as dry high pressure settles over the area. As a result of this weather pattern, most shower activity over the weekend and into early next week will be across the Plains and into the eastern Great Lakes. Eventually, the showers will make their way toward the Mid-Atlantic. The West looks as if it will remain dry and warm through next Wednesday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Sunny	70 to 85 coastal areas 55 to 70 mountains 80 to 90 valleys 75 to 85 upper deserts 85 to 92 lower deserts	8 to 20%	Northeast 5 to 15 mph except local northeast 25 mph with higher gusts over Southern California.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Standard Fire Orders

The NWCG approved a revision of the Standard Fire Orders, in accordance with their original arrangements. The orders are arranged according to their importance and grouped in logical sequence. Review and consider Standard Fire Orders as a part of every shift.

- Did you receive or request adequate weather briefing, current and predicted fire behavior, wind direction, predicted humidity, fuel moisture, local factor?
- Do you have map of the fire? Is topography, type of fuels, direction of the spread defined?
- Fire behavior group deals with what the firefighter will encounter - weather, fire status, fire behavior.
 1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
 2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
 3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.
- Are you familiar with direction, distance, location, size of escape routes and safety zones?
- Discuss the need for lookout, such as extreme fire behavior, fire located out of line-of-sight.
- Discuss importance of the situational awareness.
- Fireline safety group emphasizes personal safety.
 4. Identify escape routes and safety zones and make them known.
 5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
 6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
- Review importance and means of passing tactical decisions and resource movement.
- Review other factors influencing potential changes in tactics, which could affect control of your forces.
- Organizational Control group is centered around tactical decisions.
 7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
 8. Give clear instructions and insure they are understood.
 9. Maintain control of your forces at all time.
- After you have considered, discussed and acted on the previous nine orders:
 10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	5	0	1	3		2	11
	ACRES	88	1	1	1		0	91
Northern California	FIRES					12	2	14
	ACRES					3	3	6
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES	36	7			2	3	48
	ACRES	88	132			418	3	641
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				29			29
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Southwest	FIRES	1	5		1	9	5	21
	ACRES	0	2,619		3	10	3	2,635
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
	ACRES		0	168		0	0	168
Eastern Area	FIRES	29			1	586	43	659
	ACRES	32			10	2,367	1,108	3,517
Southern Area	FIRES	8		1	1	1,050	51	1,111
	ACRES	257		1	4	11,050	26,965	38,277
TOTAL	FIRES	79	13	3	8	1,662	110	1,875
	ACRES	465	2,752	170	47	13,848	28,083	45,365

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	23	4	5	3	3	15	53
	ACRES	211	1	8	1	2	5	228
Northern California	FIRES					220	33	253
	ACRES					141	326	467
Southern California	FIRES		6	1		285	54	346
	ACRES		18	1		135	134	288
Northern Rockies	FIRES	222	9			33	28	292
	ACRES	741	138			2,059	120	3,058
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6		2	14	4	27
	ACRES	2	18		29	65	142	256
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	3		2	2	3	11
	ACRES	0	45		0	1	65	111
Southwest	FIRES	37	15	1	5	127	65	250
	ACRES	162	2,699	0	4	8,740	4,622	16,227
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	103	12	13	2	89	27	246
	ACRES	2,762	36	485	0	18,339	2,772	24,394
Eastern Area	FIRES	220		5	6	2,618	264	3,113
	ACRES	959		834	86	29,939	4,766	36,584
Southern Area	FIRES	103		33	17	17,491	459	18,103
	ACRES	15,210		4,304	518	176,634	70,514	267,180
TOTAL	FIRES	710	55	58	37	20,882	952	22,694
	ACRES	20,047	2,955	5,632	638	236,055	83,466	348,793

Eight Year Average Fires	27,762
Eight Year Average Acres	588,794

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in April

and

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1		0			1	2
	ACRES	220		360			835	1,415
Northern California	FIRES		2	2	4		13	21
	ACRES		6	21	1		883	911
Southern California	FIRES		8				3	11
	ACRES		470				167	637
Northern Rockies	FIRES		4	5			7	16
	ACRES		115	699			423	1,237
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				3	4
	ACRES		359				281	640
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				2			2
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,242	1,242
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	0	2
	ACRES		56			100	271	427
Eastern Area	FIRES	5		27		42	17	91
	ACRES	496		1,937		4,026	772	7,231
Southern Area	FIRES			1	3	17	51	72
	ACRES			20	3,447	5,340	44,436	53,243
TOTAL	FIRES	6	16	35	8	60	99	224
	ACRES	716	1,006	3,037	3,450	9,466	49,310	66,985

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	12	57	27			116	212
	ACRES	2,826	3,454	2,642			20,954	29,876
Northern California	FIRES	14	37	8	14		147	220
	ACRES	251	701	13,575	624		16,423	31,574
Southern California	FIRES		10	3	1		67	81
	ACRES		498	332	19		5,594	6,443
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	4	9		17	175	206
	ACRES	2	115	991		569	27,523	29,200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	9	3	3	10	25	51
	ACRES	149	1,445	547	55	881	6,466	9,543
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3		1		4	8
	ACRES		78		2		71	151
Southwest	FIRES	13	12	5	8		226	264
	ACRES	4,868	4,243	469	63		27,192	36,835
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	32	17	57	14	9	68	197
	ACRES	4,122	5,107	11,361	2,777	3,226	27,306	53,899
Eastern Area	FIRES	13		71	11	353	735	1,183
	ACRES	11,365		14,878	3,201	27,012	23,230	79,686
Southern Area	FIRES	50		123	59	182	954	1,368
	ACRES	8,473		54,018	54,571	109,844	880,554	1,107,460
TOTAL	FIRES	136	149	306	111	571	2,517	3,790
	ACRES	32,056	15,641	98,813	61,312	141,532	1,035,313	1,384,667

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				50			50
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		30					30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	30	0	50	0	0	80

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1		6						2	
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies			7	1						
Eastern Great Basin			2							
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1		2						3	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			3	16					5	19
Southern Area	4	2	7	6	4				31	21
Total	6	2	27	23	4	0	0	0	41	40

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